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Works on the Agumbei Ghaut-

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To

The Officiating Secretary
to the Commissioner for the
Court of the Territories of the
Rajah of Mysore

Sir

Captain Power having
this day informed me that he has
received your instruction regarding
his being employed during the South
west monsoon in superintending the
making of the road between Bellary
and Gooty but not being prepared
to leave immediately, I trust the
Commissioner will approve of my
having requested him to continue
to look after the making of the
road towards Ayemkay, until he

departure or further orders are received.

I have also the honor to represent my apprehension that if deprived of European superintendence the road from Kurryhur to Agumbay will never be properly completed, and that until it is made however good the ghaut is, the great commercial advantages expected to result to the State and to individuals by the opening of a good road from the interior to the Coast cannot be expected to be realized. It may also possibly have escaped notice, that last year Captain Powis commenced upon the Ghaut on the 10th October and experienced no material obstruction

tion to the work until April; the early setting of the monsoon may also indicate an early termination this year and in this case Captain Bower a few days after his arrival at Bellary may be required to commence retracing his steps in order to complete the work which he has so zealously conducted and was only prevented from finishing by the early setting in of the rains, which have been uncommonly severe and I understand have done considerable injury to the unfinished parts of the Ghaut besides blocking up the made parts with the loose earth from the slopes above the zig zags

being washed down upon the pond

— occurrences however which were

to be expected with the first heavy

rain and render it highly desirable

that the Superintending Officer should

be on the Spot as early after the

monsoon as possible, to direct the

clearing away of these obstructions,

and to observe what effect the

monsoon has had upon the most

finished parts of the Ghaut —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obed.t Servt.

Mysore Division
Superintendents Office
Shemoga 19th July
1839.

A Machon
Offg Superintt.

From
Inverness Superte
J. Sangster.

Dated 19th July -
Rec'd 23rd July -

Relates that Capte Bower has informed him of the instructions given to his Employés as to their having charge of the road between Beauly & Cluny, and trusts the Commte will approve of his Capte Bower having requested him to continue to look after the road towards Aggeruban until his departure, and submits some remarks on the subject of the road. —

To

Lieut. R. Cannan R. S. I.

Jun. Assistant to the

Commissioner for the Govt.

of the Territories of the

Rajah of Sarawak

Sir

Captain Bower having

been compelled through severe illness

to return this day to Sheomoya

from the Camp of the Dundurans

at Seerthakally, I have the honor

to request that until the Commis-

sioners pleasure be known,

you will be so good as to take

charge of the party, proceed en route

to the Ugumbay Ghaut, and assume

in every particular Captain Bower's duty.

As that Officer has served here, and

is well enough to communicate with

you

you personally there is no need
for me to issue other than these
general instructions.- I shall leave
it to your discretion to determine
whether to keep or not any, and what portion
of the additional guard which I
considered it necessary last night
to order out to camp in consequence
of the sudden absence of the Euro-
=pean Officer in charge.- I shall also
leave it to you to inform me what
if any, part of the Division business
you will be able conveniently, with
reference to your location at Agumbay,
to conduct at the same time that
you superintend the work at the
Ghaut.- I will furnish Captain
Bowen with a copy of this letter, and
instruct him to be so good as to
act upon it, as the emergency does

not

not admit of time for a reference
to the Commissioner before taking
some decided course

I have &c.
Signed J. Halsted.
Superintendent

Nuggar Division
Superintt.s Office
Sherwoy 29th Octr.
1839

To
Lieut. Halsted.
Superintendent of the
Nuggar Division.

Sir,

In reply to your letter
of this days date I have the honor
to state that I shall be able
to conduct the Criminal duties of
the Bralnad Talooks, Dhyt. Sirsi,
Sagur, Nuggar, Cowlidroog, Coppa-
-droog and Kadtaia Chicamoogalo

I

Shewing a Letter from Lieut. Kellett to Commr Superintendent dated 29th October 1839.

Shewing
29th October
1839

Thanks &c
Signed R. Cannan
Junior Asst to the
Commissioner

True Copies

J. Walsh
Superintendent.

W A Halsted Esqr

Superintendent

Niggar Diviseon

Sir,

I beg leave to report to you —
that I went out last night, by your per=
-mission on the Aguinbay R. to meet Capt.
D Bower who had written to say he was ill
I met him within two miles of Chundagadda
and brought him on sent this morning —
I beg also to state that Captain D Bower
will not be able to leave this to report
the prisoners report a week at the
least —

I remain
Sir
your most obedient Servt

(Signed) A Dorter
Apothecary

Sheemaga
to
29 October 1839

/ True copy /

J. Halsted

Superintendent

No 426. SL3

To
The Officiating Secretary
to the Commissioner for the
Govt of the Territories of the
Rajah of Mysore

Sir

I have the honor to forwa
for the information of the Commis
sioner copy of a letter I have this
day addressed to Lieutenant Comma
H. S requesting him to proceed
and take charge of the Aramboy
Ghaut working party now halted
at Seethakully the Cutcherry of the
Conlerroy Taluck about 12 Mi
taines coss from hence — in con
sequence of the serious indisposition
of Captain Bowen who returned h
Shevamogu this morning under the
charge of Mr Bertie, the Apothecary
of the Division whom I sent out

for

for the purpose) - I also have the honor to enclose copy of Mr Gerrie's report and of Lieutenant Cannan's reply to my letter; by the latter the Commissioner will perceive that Lieutenant Cannan is able to conduct at the same time the Criminal business of the six Talooks nearest the Ghaut - of this indeed I have no doubt as there is but little crime in the Division at present; it will be convenient too for the witnesses and Prisoners and the 2 Monsheis who will accompany Lieutenant Cannan from this office are quite able to attend to the Criminal business at Rajum Ghaut as at this place - It is but moving them out a little earlier than the rest of the Cutcherry shortly about to

proceed

List of the Party lately under Captain Bower now halted at Seerthahully on route to the Agumbay Ghaut with amount of their pay monthly and daily.

As	Rank & Names	Monthly Pay Rs	A	P	Remarks
	Jail Establishment				
1	Daroga Maddoo Khan	25	"	"	
1	Mutseedy Hoocha Naik	12	"	"	
1	Jemadar Kenchia Naik	8	"	"	
1	Hakeem Alasingriah	17	"	"	
1	Ironsmith	10	"	"	
1	Dittas	8	"	"	
5	Carpenters at 6½ Rs each	32	8	"	
4	Camatty Duffadars at 4½ Rs	18	"	"	
212	Camatties at 3½ Rs each	742	"	"	
	Ashoms				
1	Resaldar Lalamiya	16	"	4	
1	Vakeel Doojung Khan	10	"	"	
2	Hobledars at 6 Rs each	12	"	"	
10	Duffadars at 4½ Rs	45	"	"	
20	Ashams Peons at 3½ Rs	420	"	"	
50	Convicts Hatta	472	"	"	
	Pioneers				
1	Havildar	134	8	"	
1	Naegue				
10	Peonates				
	Bauer				
1	Subedar	30	"	"	
1	Jemadar	16	"	"	
5	Havildars at 9 Rs each	45	"	"	
38	Peonates at 6½ Rs	247	"	"	
2	Drummers at 7½ Rs	15	"	"	
1	Puckally	6	"	"	
1	Dholy	5	"	"	
672	Total	2346	"	"	78 3/16 Rupees per each day

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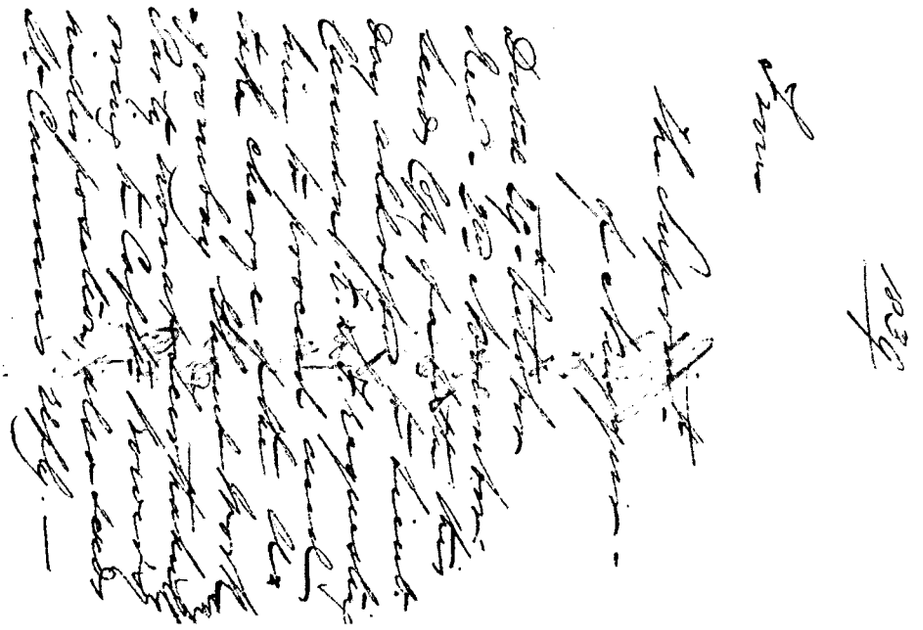
The above does not include the pay of the Company of Dayaks and 6 Sarawaks added to the guard on the 28 to instant. in consequence of Captain Bacmeus sudden absence.

J. Brooke

Superintendent.



No. 18.

To,

The Superintendent

of the Nuggur Division

Sir.

Having been informed by you in a Private Communication that you have reported to the Commissioner that the "Peshcar of Cowly Droog writes that I have already desired him to issue orders about the Ghaut" meaning the stoppage of the transit of Bullocks;— I beg you will be good enough to furnish me with a copy of the report you have made;— The only directions I gave the Peshkar was to inform travellers that there were obstacles upon the Ghaut which would prevent Bullocks going up and down for the present.— Last Sunday however a great number of people came and with some difficulty I passed their cattle down; there are now a number of people with cattle waiting and as Sunday will be an idle day I have informed them that I will endeavour to pass their cattle, this however retards the work most considerably as a great part of Saturday is occupied in making a temporary road and Monday in clearing it away to make room for work again besides knocking down the walls which have to be rebuilt— I therefore doubt whether the expense thus incurred by retarding the working parties is not more than the amount recovered

Mysore Comm.r's Office

To

The Superintendent of the

Nuggur Division

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 407. dated the 17th inst. and to request you will be so good as to forward a Copy of the order stated by the Peishkar of the Cawlydroog Taloor to have been received by him from Lieut.t Cannon on the subject of the Agumby Pass.—

I have &c.

Signed J. M. Cubbon

Commissioner

Camp at Herioor

21st Nov.r 1839.—

Lp 34 No 232

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Lieutenant
Governor

Dated 21st November
Acknowledges the letter
of 15th Oct. 7th Nov.
and expresses to the wish
for a copy of the
Order in Council for the
Peckham Affair
Have not received
from the Colonies
on the Subject of the
Boundary Act. —

To

Captain Green

~~Superintendent Mar.t Department~~

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you for the information of the Commissioners ~~that the Mysore~~ side of the "Anguemba Chaut is finished, and I hope in a manner that will stand the severe Monsoons which prevail here in making walls I have been careful to lay in the first instance good foundations facing the wall equally on both sides and averaging in breadth from 4 to 5 feet in places where there are not deep precipices such as Connongary I have filled up the outer space with earth and stones in order to resist the inward pressure it will however be necessary that the drains should be carefully attended to during the Monsoons otherwise the water Courses will get filled up and damage the Road

I will send you a detailed description of the Chaut on the Mysore side in a few days

I have &c.

(signed) R Caman

Jun.r Assistant

Off.g Supt. Anguemba Pass

Anguemba

25.th January

1840.

true Copy

Junior Assistant

Off.g Supt. Anguemba Pass

Amount of Dyer as reported by the Surveyor of Augusta

for the months of November and December
1838 and January 1839 Pays — 497

For the months of November and December
1839 and January 1840 — Pays 206½

Total - Increase Pays 209½

The transit in the month of November
1839 was stopped by 20 days
with the increase is considerable

Augusta
3 February
1840

J. Munroe

Seramp.t Office in Mysore

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To -

The Secretary to the Commissioners
for the Govt.s of the Territories
of the Rajah of Mysore

Sir

I have the satisfaction to forward annexed copy of a letter from Lieut. Cannan, at Dgnmby announcing the completion of the Mysore portion of the ghaut.

I beg to add that it has been intimated to me the 10 Candyahs Canakees & the late Chairdy Goomptee, who by the Commissioners orders dated 26.th Dec.r last were to have reached the ghaut on the 15.th Alt.o had not arrived there up to the 25.th Alt.o, & which natives probably have the benefit of Lt. Cannans instructions on the duties they are intended to perform. X

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed.t Servant

C Allen
Jun.r Asst.

Seramp.t
7.th Feb.y 1840

To

516 Maramut Office in Mysore

The Secretary to the Commissioner
for the Government of the
Territories of the Rajah of
Mysore

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith Copy of a letter from the Principal Collector of Canara to the Revenue Board.

On the subject of the trees I beg to observe that the expediency of felling them never occurred to me as necessary, they stood perfectly well last year through one of the most severe monsoons which has occurred for several years. Should any however happen to fall hereafter the numerous and efficient wood cutters to be met with above and below the ghaut can be had at a moments warning, to remove them.

In the 3 para of Mr Blairs letter he adverts to the trees which have been cut on the Sumpagee ghaut, but the one ghaut is very different from the other, And I sent Fast who constructed the Sumpagee lately informed me that one effect of the removal of trees has been to

cause a great number of others to fall from the exposure, and should this take place at Agunley - I am of opinion that the ghaut would not be benefitted thereby, as the face of it meets the full brunt of the sea soon, and the soil between the Logs becomes washed away from the force of the wind and rain on so steep an inclination - Though keeping the trees will not affect the quantity of rain which falls, they break its force and cause it to descend gently on the ground where it goes off by the old channels.

It appears from the Chara of the accompanying Letter that the Collector of Canara having visited the ghaut has reported to the Revenue Board that "the road is now completed to the foot of it," I will be in the Commissioner's recollection that the Mysore portion of the ghaut was reported finished by Lieut Cannon under date 25th January last -

Under these circumstances Captain Goodlam has requested me to ascertain if it is intended that he should be employed on the Seringapatam road, if not

what instructions are to be conveyed to him.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed Servant
C Green
Supt Insurrection.

Basingstoke
5th May 1840

1840

From

The Superintendent

Collectorate

Bangalore -

Dated 5th Augt.

Rec'd 6th do.

Encg Copy Letter from the Collr of Canara to the Revenue Board, relative to selling by Auction the Sides of the Road in the Talluk of Soonda, which he intends shall be done by the Superintendent of the Soonda Division when the Road is completed as far as Kurlee or Ghaut under Repair by Detachments of Sepoys -

To,

Captain Boddam
Superintending
Augumbah Ghaut

Sir,

1. With reference to your letter of the 12th Instant, I have the honor to enclose Copy of a Letter I have addressed to the Board of Revenue applying for sanction for a further sum of 500 Rupees to cut down the large trees on the sides of the Pass.

2. There is a little doubt, that early sanction will be received for this outlay, and as I am very desirous the work should be completed, if possible this season, I beg you will inform me, whether the large trees, which now overhang the road, can be cut down in the course of the ensuing month and the early part of June.

I have &c
(Signed) H. M. Blair
Principal Collector

Principal Collectors Cutcherry
on Circuit, Neelcoond
18th April 1840

No.

The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
on the Department of
Public works
Fort St. George

Sir.

1. I have the honor to submit Copy of a letter from Captain Boddam Superintending the Agumbah Ghaut pointing out the necessity of cutting down the large trees on the sides of the Pass.-

2. On lately visiting the Ghaut was strongly impressed with the necessity of this measure, as well for the reason pointed out in Captain Boddam's letter as also to preserve the road from injury from the overhanging of the trees, during the long continuance of the Monsoon.-

3 All of the large trees on the Sumpaji Ghaut have been cut, as this was considered a measure of the first importance by the Engineer Officer Superintending that Ghaut

4. I beg therefore to recommend that sanction may be obtained for the sum of 500 Rupees which Captain Boddam estimates will be the expence of cutting the trees on the sides of the Agumbah Ghaut.-

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5. As it is very desirable, that the work should be completed before the Monsoon sets in, and that advantage should be taken of Captain Boddam being now on the spot, to superintend it, I beg to request, that the orders of Government on the subject may be communicated to me as early as possible.

6. The road is now completed to the foot of the Ghaut, and the actual sum expended has exceeded the estimate in about 500 Rs. On the subject I shall shortly submit a report with the necessary details.

Principal Coll's Cutcherry
in circuit, Honore
16th April 1840

I have &c.
(Signed) H. M. Blair
Principal Coll.

True Copies,
C. Green
S. A.

No 251 Mysore Com'rs Office

To

Captain Green
Supt of Menramut

Sir,

I have the honor by desire
You to acknowledge the receipt of
your letter of this days date, and to
inform you with reference to the
concluding para: that the road to
the foot of the Agumbay Ghaut
being reported Complete, ~~the Services~~
~~of an Officer will not be required~~
~~to superintend the repair of the~~
~~Passages and Ho~~

+ the Govt of Fort St George will be
pleased that the Mysore State has
no further occasion for the Services
of the Officer appointed to
superintend it

Mr C May 1840

United State

1840

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To

Captain Green
Lieutenant
Lieutenant

Dated 5th
Despd 5th May.

Acknowledges Letter
dating last & states
that the Road to the
East of the Coromandel
Chain is reported com-
=plete Reading Portions
is authorized that Collector
State and Longer regulations
are in force to Despatches
&c &c